

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior listings.

1. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive comprising at least one chain or synchronous belt wheel, which is integrated in the drive and through which the chain or the synchronous belt is guided and engaged, as well as with an over-jump protection element, which at least partially overlaps the chain or the synchronous belt on a side opposite the wheel, the over-jump protection element is provided on a guiding and tensioning assembly for an adjacent chain or an adjacent synchronous belt, the guiding and tensioning assembly including a fixed guiding element with a guide surface and a movable tensioning element with a tensioning surface.
2. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, wherein the adjacent chain or the adjacent synchronous belt is also guided by a common chain or synchronous belt wheel or a chain or synchronous belt wheel coupled with the common wheel.
3. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, wherein the over-jump protection element is connected integrally to the guiding or the tensioning element of the guiding and tensioning assembly.
4. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 3, wherein the element is made from plastic or metal.
5. (Currently amended) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1 [[3]], wherein the over-jump protection element is a component that is separate from the guiding or the tensioning element and is mounted on the guiding or the tensioning element.

6. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 5, wherein the over-jump protection element and the element are composed of plastic or metal or of different materials.

7. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, wherein the over-jump protection element comprises at least one plate or projection, which is shaped according to outer contours of the chain or synchronous belt to be overlapped and which projects laterally from the guiding or the tensioning element.

8. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 7, wherein the plate or the projection is supported by a support element that extends to the guiding or the tensioning element.

9. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, wherein the guiding or the tensioning element is a chain or synchronous belt tensioner integrated in a drive of an oil pump.

10. – 16. (Canceled).

17. (Previously presented) Chain or synchronous belt drive according to claim 1, wherein the guide surface of the fixed guiding element and the tensioning surface of the movable tensioning element are adapted to contact an inner surface of the adjacent chain or the adjacent synchronous belt.